

Biometrics Project

Department of Licensing (DOL)

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Project Status

A formal proposal from the Biometrics vendor, Digimarc, was received on June 10, 2005, and included a revised schedule that extended DOL acceptance of the Digimarc software from October 28, 2005 to December 12, 2005 and increased costs for software, services, and equipment. DOL is scheduled to meet with Digimarc during the week of June 13, 2005 to discuss the new proposal and engage in contract negotiations concerning the schedule and costs.

The following activities are complete:

- Planning phase
- Architectural design
- Configuration Management Plan
- Functional specifications

Variances

- Schedule: The legislative date for implementation of the biometric feature is January 2006. The vendors new schedule proposal still meets that deadline, but does not meet the end of October goal.
- Budget/Cost: DOL and Digimarc are currently in contract negotiations, which include revised costs for proposed software, services, and equipment.
- Scope: Scope changes are under consideration in light of the proposal received from Digimarc.

Issues

Digimarc's new proposal has raised concerns related to the revised schedule and cost increase. DOL is preparing alternatives for the scope of the Digimarc change order in preparation for the contract negotiations. The informal agreement between DOL and Digimarc was for implementation to be accomplished by the end of October 2005, two months ahead of the legislative date of January 2006.

Staff have recommended that DOL provide notification to the ISB of any contract, schedule, or cost changes. The ISB gave its approval to sole-source contract with Digimarc based on the economic advantage implied in not having to interface to another vendor for the biometric feature with the digital driver's license. DOL needs to review scope and costs with the vendor and determine its commitment to this solution.

Previous Agency Appearances Before the Board

November 10, 2004: Project was approved by the ISB.